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## Mansbridge on the Record



## A HALLOWED HALL

Ottawa's former train station has been the scene of some fascinating history

**MIDWAY THROUGH** the March Lake rally in the early summer of 1990, Brian Mulroney called a lunch break. Things were tense, screams were increasingly shrill. I walked across the street from the Governor General Conference Centre to my Ottawa hotel and, when I reached my upper floor and looked down, I saw someone on the centre's roof, sitting on a metal chair, coughing a few times. His face was pale and dry, his shirt open at the neck, no apparent consciousness on his mind. At least that was my first impression, until I suddenly realized the man was none other than Robert Bourassa.

He isn't in the Conference Centre, where I was late work, without reflecting on his history. It used to be the city's main railway station, on grand columns and spectacular ceiling capturing the glory days of train travel. I can remember, during the 1965 Christmas holidays, walking off The Canadian at midnight in awe of what was then the crowded floor of the main waiting room. For someone used to attending trial devers when the railway was boxed out of the capital's downtown core, it was novel and that room is now home to the press, and not to guests. First Ministers' conferences of our time.

Some memories

■ A Brian Peckford intervention in the September 1980 rally that led eventually to the partition of the Commission. I don't remember the exact words, but the threat of a threat—after Pierre Trudeau and Rick Levesque expressed their very different views about how they saw the country, the fiery Newfoundlander

“When Peckford sided with the separatist Levesque, some in the room thought Trudeau might literally explode”

premier dropped in with his verdict—the thought Levesque's vision was more accurate. Some in the room thought Trudeau might literally explode

■ A few years later, the first special session on Aboriginal issues was brought to a halt when native leader David Ahenakew said the proceedings on didn't continue until prayers. It was the first time someone had been banned in the room, and the white men in suits around the table weren't quite sure what to do.

■ Mulroney was in the chair for his turn as Aboriginal ally in the mid-eighties and, while all the players performed for the camera, it was one native leader who struck me as the best at his moment of all. In a wrap-up session after another failed meeting, Native leader Jim Sinclair looked at the Prime Minister around the table and, after expressing eloquently and emotionally the plight of his people, said something like this: “These guys will make a deal one day, but I know it won't include us.” He was right.

I've been wondering First Ministers' conferences for years you don't come to Ottawa and, while some things have changed, one key element hasn't. It's still, almost exclusively, men in suits. At this most recent session, at three full days of talks, only one woman ever had the microphone, and that's only because she was representing a group making it case for native women. Big time politics in this country is still so unrepresentative of the population at large.

Back to Bourassa. That day in the 1990 was made for a dramatic poem of volcanoes—the man in the middle of the March Lake debate getting away from it all. Sadly, it probably was also one of the days that contributed to his death a few years later. Hobbled by skin cancer in 1996.

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## FaceTime

Go to jail, now make a deal with Martha Stewart. Sound to be vicariously as soon as possible to serve her five-month prison sentence, rather than waiting to see if her appeal of her conviction earlier this year on conspiracy and other charges is successful. Stewart said she wanted to “just shut my mouth behind me,” and

that she was “very sad knowing I will miss the holiday season”—not to mention her dogs and children. But she also noted she could be out in time for a spring garden planting.



**A vision thing** According to a study in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, 17th century Dutch master Rembrandt was probably well-lit, a condition also known as gamma melanosis, in which the two eyes send conflicting messages to the brain. Experts say the reduced distance and depth perception brought about by this condition probably made him a better painter.



**Start your engine** Formula One driver Jacques Villeneuve, who quit the BAR-Honda team in 2001 after learning he was about to be



**The curtain rises** Actors have become publishers. New Yorker fictioned heritage magazine *Granta*, Coyle, 34, is heading in the opposite direction. After his last book, *The Secret of the Garden*, Coyle, 34, is heading in the opposite direction. After his last book, *The Secret of the Garden*, Coyle, 34, is heading in the opposite direction.

to place, will return to the circuit next year with Bentley Motors under a two-year contract. The Quebec-born former world champion may also take part in this year's remaining three races—but for the Renault team, replacing Nelson Ayrton Senna in the 2004 season it ends on Oct. 24, with the São Paulo Grand Prix in São Paulo.



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## WORLD

**RUSSIA** Two weeks after the horrific hostage-taking incident that killed nearly 340 people and destroyed School No. 1 in Beslan, classes resumed in the town's seven other schools. But given the fearful atmosphere, only one or two students returned—and the watchful eyes of armed guards.

Meanwhile, officials acknowledged that two Chechen women suspected of bombing two Russian passenger jets Aug. 24 were heavily detained after being identified as possible accomplices, but then released. One of them killed her way on board her flight for the equivalent of US\$34.

Saying he had to ease the country against terrorism, Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered an overhaul of the political system that would give him even greater powers. Among the new measures: leaders of Russia's 89 regions will be nominated by Putin and then endorsed by local legislatures.

**MOSCOW** The war-crimes trial of the former Yugoslav strongman was suspended for months to allow his two court-appointed defense lawyers time to prepare. Moscow had been conducting his own defense, effectively holding up proceedings.

**AFGHANISTAN** Three U.S. service members were sent to night to 10 years in jail for running a prison, prison and torturing inmates. The men said they operated under the au-



**IVAN'S FURY** After being in a trail of destruction across the Caribbean, Hurricane Ivan slammed into the U.S. Gulf Coast, killing 11, in Florida—this was the third such storm to hit the state in a month—at least 14 people died. (Ivan was a 5th hit.)

pages of a Pentagon anti-terrorism agency, but the court in Kabul rejected that claim.

**ANTIPRESSANTS** A U.S. Food and Drug Administration panel said that antipsychotics

should come with warnings to physical and mental health care providers that the drugs can cause children and teens to become suicidal. The FDA is also warning whether children and teens take these drugs face an increased risk of suicide.

**OLYMPICS** Greek Prime Minister Kostas Karamanlis said his country's deficit had risen to four times its projected level—and twice the legal limit allowed for EU nations—because of the cost of the Summer Games.

**COVERAGE** His public service career faded with his conviction on a drug possession charge in 1990. But former Washington, D.C., mayor Marion S. Barry Jr., 64, was back on the political stage last week with his victory in a Democratic primary race for a Washington city council seat.

## CANADA

**TEMPER, TEMPER** Reform Ontario Tory premier Mike Harris was given until this Monday to apologize, or face possible expulsion from the Vaughan-King-Acton Conservative Riding Association. Harris allegedly snarled at volunteers who demanded the resignations of two pieces of TD when he won in an advance poll for the party leadership.

**GAY DIVORCE** An Ontario Superior Court judge granted the first same-sex divorce in Canada—and perhaps the world—in lesbian couples in Toronto. In the process, Justice



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Roth Member ruled that the Devos Art's definition of "spouse" was unconstitutional, because it referred to a man and a woman.

**THE ARAB CASE** In a heavily censored report, the watchdog agency for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service said CSIS had no direct involvement in the 2002 detonation of Ottawa's Maher Arar by U.S. authorities. But the report also criticized CSIS for not being careful enough about passing information to the Mounties. A public commission is examining whether the RCMP could have leaked intelligence to American officials.

**SPONSORSHIP** According to a confidential 1997 memo released by Justice John Gossery's inquiry into the federal sponsorship scandal, the Prime Minister's Office was directly involved in contracts. Although Public Works Canada managed the program, then-Privy Council clerk Jocelyne Beaupre told Jean Charest that "somebody came with you."

**LAWMAID** The Business Development Bank of Canada paid an undisclosed amount to settle a lawsuit brought against it by its former president, François Benoit. Justice André

Denis of Quebec Superior Court had ruled that two Liberal ministers at the bank had tried to ruin Benoit's career. Benoit had attempted to revoke a \$635,000 loan to the Auberge Grand-Miroir—an inn owned by a Chretien friend.

**RESCUING** After three years of finding support largely due to government outbursts, the ruling British Columbia Liberals have come back to power. The NDP is optimistic. Premier Gordon Campbell says which holds 77 seats in the legislature compared to the NDP's two, is making a wave of economic recovery in the province.



**ICC** Douglas Brown, who taught at Toronto's prestigious Upper Canada College for two decades, pleaded not guilty to 16 charges of sexual offences allegedly committed against boys between 1975 and 1984. The defence requested a stay of the charges, saying that the case against Brown, who was arrested in August 2001 and then released on bail, had taken too long to come to court—which was a violation of the

Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The judge rejected that argument.

**HEALTH** According to a study in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, drinking does not seem to increase the risk of bladder cancer, contrary to earlier findings. Moderate beer consumption, researchers found, may even decrease the risk. The main cause of the disease, said the study, is smoking.

A study by researchers at the Toronto Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre, published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, found that magnetic resonance imaging is by far the best method of detecting breast cancer in women at high genetic risk for the disease.

The International Joint Commission for the Great Lakes warned that unless water treatment plants are upgraded, people living around the Great Lakes could face outbreaks of water-borne diseases like the one that killed seven in Wallaceton, Ore., in 2000.

**SPACE** ESA's Technologies of Ottawa and Can Dev of Cambridge, Ore., were awarded a \$5-million contract to design a three-phase scanner and a remote filter camera for the James Webb Space Telescope, which NASA hopes to launch in 2013.



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## SOMETHING'S FISHY

Canada should continue to patrol the Grand Banks until foreigners stop illegal trawling

THERE IS A REVERED PLACE in our mythology for great-grandfather Blanchard who perished on a storm off the south coast of Newfoundland. Born in Normandy, soon grafted onto a fishing vessel, he jumped ship in the tiny village of Codroy on the three-colony's west coast. Soon, he was captain of the whaler that would eventually sink him. I often wonder when this 19th-century fisherman must reside of the Grand Banks today. It is illegal for Canadians to fish there far greenish-blue cod—because stocks are alarmingly low. The province's fishing exports are now largely reliant on crab and shrimp—but they may be overharvesting those stocks, too. And, offshore, beyond the 200-mile limit, foreign vessels are illegally trawling the groundfish, ensuring the supply has little prospect of recovering.

It's a watched situation born of a technocracy: the commercial shelf that nurtures the fish stretches beyond 200 miles, into the "nose and tail" of the Grand Banks. And fish wait. So vessels, often Portuguese and Spanish, have been crawling these waters, snatching declining stocks like wolfhound, routinely snatching their quotas on other stocks like rabbit, using illegal undersized gear to trap smaller fish—and liberally lying about their catches. Ottawa estimates the illegal catch of species under moratoria tripled from 2002 to 2003 to more than 15,000 tonnes.

"One of the great protein resources for the world is in danger of simply disappearing," warns Victor Young, chairman of a royal commission on Newfoundland's future. To its credit, Ottawa took long overdue action last spring, swooning \$45 million, it expanded its air and sea patrols, deploying three vessels for surprise inspections of foreign trawlers. [Anyone who scoffs at military landing should consider the role of Defence and the Coast Guard here.] When patrols boarded the Portuguese vessel *Avicenne* in early May, the ship dumped its catch. Offshore's sad crewmen were shovelling flounder into the dazed chutes—and struggling pairs of processed plaice into their quarters. No wonder Newfoundlanders are irate.

But there's a snag: it is up to the vessels' home country to charge a for violation in international waters. And, so far, they have not done so. Last week, Ottawa again pushed for tougher action at the annual meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization, which regulates these international waters. It is also lobbying the European Union to put pressure on its negligent members—and holding meetings with individual fishing nations. Newfoundland Fisheries Minister Dave Taylor says few will return trawler catches are viewed with the same stern as destruction of the rainforest. But underwater depredations are out of sight.

So the immediate solution is easily more of the same. Although Canada could use lateralize aquatic coastal management of its straddling shelf, the serious legal, diplomatic and enforcement risks involved, as spawning season starts in late fall. Ottawa should maintain full patrols. That trawler works 25 per cent of foreign groundfish fleets have already moved to deeper waters.

"We have to become an absolute nuisance," says David Worthy, director of Metrolife University's policy research centre. "We have to make it uncomfortable for them, boarding daily and intensifying fishing." We either protect it now—or we can lose soon. **B**

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## Passages

**DIED** Bill Glasser played a significant role in the development of Canadian theatre. Among his achievements was co-founding, in 1971, Toronto's Theatre Theatre, and later serving as artistic director of Centreforge (later Coaststage), which became Canada's largest contemporary theatre company. He died in Toronto at 69, after a lengthy battle with throat cancer.

**APPOINTED** As one of Canada's most celebrated ballerinas, Karem Kala, 53, raised the profile of her art. She now gets a chance to do that for Canada's most elite, as the newly named chair of the Canada Council for the Arts. Kala replaces arts director Jean Louis Bouché, who stepped down in October 2003 after 28 years on the job.

**SUSPENDED** On the eve of the Paralympic Games opening in Athens last Friday, Calgary sprinter Earle Connor, 28, one of the world's top disabled athletes, was suspended from the Canadian team after testing positive for trace amounts of testosterone and marijuana in an out-of-competition test on Aug. 23. Those results are being reviewed by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport.

**DIED** From his time at Maclean's (he rose to become managing editor in 1977) to his many consulting, book, and writing jobs, Walter Stewart was a mainstay of Canadian journalism. He died at the age of 73 of cancer at his home in Sturgeon Falls, Ont.

**DIED** He was born John Cannings, but was best known as Johnny Rameau, guitarist and co-founder of the legendary punk band the Ramones. His death, at 53 after a five-year battle with pancreatic cancer, leaves drummer Tommy Ramone as the only surviving member of the original four-member band.



## THE MACLEAN'S INTERVIEW



Music | Margaret Atwood

## ON OPERA, POP AND POLITICS

**MARGARET ATWOOD** is having a musical moment. First, the *CanLit* dejectedly made a foray into pop music, contributing lyrics to *At Heart: A 10th Ave.*, a literary-themed album by New York rockers One Ring Zero. Then, the Canadian Open Company chose to open its new season with *The Handmaid's Tale*, a Danish opera based on her dystopian 1985 novel. Now Atwood is collaborating with Winnipeg composer Randolph Pezzom on an original opera set in 2750 B.C. Has the eminent novelist found a new calling?

**Did you ever anticipate your career branching off into music?**

No, I never expected it, though I did write an opera in high school. It was a parody, *The House Economics Opera*, about three sisters—Orelia, Sylvia and Dorian.

**Do you play any musical instruments?**

I once taught myself to play the recorder, but it was a struggle for anyone else. I sang with Robertson Davies on one memorable occasion—something of our own composition called *Anything But Can Write, I Can Write Better*. Neither of us could sing. There were cries of "Stop your job job!" It was a PEN fundraiser. I only do these things for such occasions. There's no other excuse.

**Some critics have described *The Handmaid's Tale* as a cautionary tale for Americans in light of the post-9/11 clampdown on civil liberties. Do you agree?**

Nobody can actually prophesy. But you can predict tendencies. When I was writing the book, I was looking at what was right in front of my nose, but history repeats itself.

**What's your take on the U.S. election?**

The notion that if that the United States severely limits its ability to defend us, we defend, and the world economy goes down.

**Why are some things like patriotism and family values more fluent and credent?**

You know what? If you're dead, family, you can't support much of that. Even family will not tend to go on the window when it comes to the inner door of the house.

**Were attending the opening night performance of *The Handmaid's Tale*?**

No. The show's a landmark. You kind of stagger out of it. Now I want to make one out of *Opera and Crime*.

**Wow, I'd like to work on the set.**

Yes, but how many people would paint themselves blue and scumper around onstage?

**It took you a long time to get into opera. So, any further pop music ambitions?**

Well, who knows.

**Or maybe something entirely unexpected from you like *No-No*?**

Anything is possible. **LAURIE GORMAN**

# THE FEDS ARE COMING!

The health deal is part of an ambitious agenda to expand Ottawa's power, writes JOHN GEDDES

IT WASN'T QUITE what Paul Martin had promised. Instead of an uplifting increase in televised democracy, his summit with the premiers looked zero behind closed-door horse trading. Rather than truly facing Canadian health care for a generation, the agreement they reached followed the familiar formula of pumping more money into the system, though with the added twist of a new plan for tracking how provinces make improvements. But for a Prime Minister whose political skills were in doubt, and whose policy vision looked fuzzy, the moment was sweet: premier after premier praising his leadership at the end of last week's summit that beganning sessions, how better, the payoff might not end with this pact. The Liberals' own other big goals are to create a national child care plan and deliver a so-called new deal for education. Like health, both these files fall under potential jurisdiction—and Martin suddenly has credibility when it comes to cutting deals with the premiers.

That makes of federal policy promises—health, children and education—three transcendently ambitious federal agendas. If Martin comes close to achieving his goals in all three, any tinkering over his “omni-cabinet change” suggestions would be tolerated. Yet the scope of what he wants to do is not widely understood. Maybe that's because as a speaker Martin rarely thrives but as an inspiring orator. Or maybe, to avoid alarming the premiers, he has held back on putting the pieces together: they amount to a permanent federal incursion into increasingly important areas that have always been mainly provincial turf. Those who find incursion in the recent field of fed-prov relations suspect something momentous is

unfolding. “This is a defining moment, I think, on how federalism is going to function,” says Tim Courtenier, the Queen's University public policy professor widely viewed as a guru on relations between Ottawa and the provinces.

Canadians might be forgiven for suspecting that what experts on Confederation's shifting power balances find momentous might turn out to be a quagmire. But in this case, policy matters in real life. Take what happened in health. Martin got the premiers to agree toward creating a system that will allow patients to find out how provinces stack up against each other in delivering health services. If it works, a patient waiting for a hip replacement in, say, Saskatchewan, will be able to easily discover if Nova Scotia has done better in delivering its wait time for the same surgery—a just Canadian comparison that some provincial governments resisted. They finally accepted the accountability Martin demanded for an old-fashioned reason: he paid.

The Prime Minister put up \$18 billion in new health transfers over six years, well above his roughly \$12-billion opening offer. Perhaps even sweeter is the six per cent a year “escalator clause” that will guarantee the federal funding keeps growing.

Health is not the only costly element of the federal agenda. On day care, the long-term price tag could be huge. Last spring's Liberal platform vowed to “ensure that children have access to high-quality, government-regulated spaces at affordable costs to parents.” The smokers-to-quit program intended to take the lead and set the standards in an area previously run almost entirely by the provinces. For cities and towns, the Liberals promised to fund at least \$2 billion

**Like a Mustang,  
Martin and Charest  
were at odds after  
their agreement.**





Martin has his back to public putting all of the pieces together

in gas-tax revenue to municipalities within five years, and negotiate a series of three-way federal-provincial-municipal agreements designed to give Ottawa a voice for the first time in many aspects of urban development. "I think this all amounts to a bigger vision of where the country is going," says John Godfrey, Martin's assistant of state for infrastructure and construction. "All the interesting bits have to be collaborative and involve all layers of government."

As the health summit showed, getting that collaboration in order isn't always easy: money to spend around—and Ottawa has the luxury of nearly billion-dollar surpluses—yet many provinces remain spread in deficit. Godfrey argues that imbalance gives the Liberals a position to buy a disproportionate amount of the provinces under the Constitution. "Ottawa is using the fiscal imbalance to create provincial problems," he says. "That doesn't mean it's not appropriate. Candidates would probably like Ottawa to take more of a role."

Most provinces are willing to work with Ottawa to put them on a more

serious financial footing. That was the main reason for creating last year's health summit, though, it wasn't clear if the council had really changed the fed-prov game. But the fact that the provinces met together through three days of increasingly intense negotiations—including an eye-popping, nerve-racking night of pizza-fueled talks at Martin's 24-hour Drive residence—strongly suggests the council is a meaningful new institution. It will make it harder for the feds to follow a divide-and-conquer strategy.

Quebec's Jean Charest signed a separate, though similar, health deal from the rest of the provinces. Martin not only accepted the special terms, he also crowed, "This is really what Canada is all about." Among veteran watchers of this summit, however, the March 14 deal, and the controversial "distinct society" recognition for Quebec that largely laid to rest the issue, were wrong. With that luxury so public, Charest had several cards that the rest is finally given by parliament. "What is the role of the federal government in health care?" he said.

"To me it is to fund, based on the values set out in the Canada Health Act."

But Martin managed to insert a side issue: what beyond merely fixing funding to the provinces. This pressure seemed to come up with ways to measure access to doctors and procedures, on a comparable basis, by the end of next year. By the same time, they will institute benchmarks for acceptable waiting times for cancer and heart procedures, diagnostic imaging, and joint replacements and other treatments. Targets to achieve those benchmarks will be set by the end of 2005, the provinces will report every year on their progress toward meeting them, and the Canadian Institute for Health Information will produce a national report on shrinking waiting times. And beyond the waiting times issue, the Health Council of Canada, established late last year, will report on all elements of the health deal, which includes a range of other commitments, from boosting the number of doctors to improving home care. Ottawa will not persuade a province that lags behind the pack, leaving it to a better informed public to apply the pressure to perform.

## HIGH-PROFILE PERFORMANCES: THE GOOD AND THE BAD

Prime Minister Paul Martin has to be considered a winner out of the summit. As for the premiers, they'll all be trying to grab their share of the afterglow, but some have a more plausible claim than others. An open-ended look at a few of the higher-profile performances.

**QUEBEC'S JEAN CHAREST:** arguably the biggest winner. He was the driving force behind last year's creation of a new parents' club, the Council of the Federation, which proved at this summit that it's more than a new logo on some not letterhead. Provinces played wined. Quebec got a special deal, and nobody complained. Charest, who has weathered tough political times at home, reminded us why he was once a big wonder on the national political stage. Pleased there was no stalemate.

**ALBERTA'S RAULPH KLEIN:** arguably the biggest loser. Announcing in advance that he would check out after just one day looked like suicide, especially in light of the fact that he was in the room. But then Guy May, Klein's health minister, stayed at the table to unexpectedly play Alberta's hand—over thanking Paul Martin for his patience at the end. Staying after the fact, Klein said it was all worth the wait. "Innovative and imaginative ways to

deliver health care." Maybe so, but why wasn't he at the table to insist that those latter matters were needed?

**ONTARIO'S DALTON OGILVIE:** called a liberal for the way he took taxes. After promising not to in last year's Ontario election, he still plays the straight arrow as convincingly as anyone in Canadian politics. Some officials profited him with persisting reluctant premiers to accept Ottawa's demand for accountability measures, the issue that threatened to be a deal-breaker. Instead, yes—yet somehow not boring. He made his nice guy demeanor work in an environment that often resists such bookkeeping.

**NEWFOUNDLAND'S BARRY WILLIAMS:** the rookie premier showed off an unguarded streak that was surely entertaining, but ultimately soured with his angry mid-summit outburst that the process was "a farce."

was only pleasant until the deal was sealed. He then revised his opinion, commenting on how honored he was to have participated, and summed up: "I think we've all served Canadians very well." Some faros, in fact, maybe he'll save the outbursts for behind closed doors. That's why they close them, Premier.

Some observers dispute how significant the deal really is. Alberta Premier Ralph Klein, who attended only the first day of the three-day summit, stepped afterwards from Edmonton that the meeting failed to address the toughest issues. "The whole conference was about money, nothing else," he said. "There were no conversations relative to innovative and imaginative ways to deliver health care." Still, the fact that premiers of all parties signed on without quibbling made it hard to deny Martin's extent of glory. Then the opposition leaders vented muted approval. "In general," said Conservative Leader Stephen Harper, "this is a deal that the Conservative party can easily support." NDP Leader Jack Layton readily complained that the deal was silent on the issue of private, for-profit health care.

That doesn't mean Martin can expect smooth sailing as he tries to move on to de-

ment two big issues on his agenda, roads and children. Cities could be the easier fix to chart progress on. Godfrey hopes to have our agreements with several provinces before the end of the year that would use a slice of Ottawa's gas-tax money flow to municipalities over next year's federal budget. British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario have asked to be early signers. "The first deals will need to cover the complete, but there has to be flexibility to reflect the different provincial programs," Godfrey said.

**THE TROIKA of Liberal policy priorities—health, children and cities—adds up to a radical political plan**

The plan is to earmark new money mainly for transportation infrastructure. Beyond that, negotiating many three-way federal-provincial-municipal deals in his other key objective. "In essence," he says, "the gas tax is the most concrete part of the new deal, but the long-term story is going to be these new partnership relationships."

The child-care strategy looks more likely to generate significant controversy. Social Development Minister Ken Dryden, hockey legend but political novice, has been handed the tough task of making good on the Liberal campaign promise to set up a national program. The party ran on a vow to pass legislation to make sure child care is universal, affordable, and staffed by qualified professionals, and provides learning along with care. To get funding, provinces "will be tempted" to pass their own laws to implement the federal government's plan. While Dryden has so far kept a low profile, daycare advocates were encouraged by the Liberal platform. "I was very impressed," says Martha Friendly, coordinator of the University of Toronto's Childcare Resource and Research Unit, who has also cautioned "You can't set up a program that's universal overnight."

Ottawa will be less enthusiastic. So far, the health deal has mostly been in solution. The government's Oct. 5 Speech from the Throne could change that by drawing attention to the broader strategy. Already those who oppose widening the federal sphere of influence are growing alarmed. Barry Cooper, a University of Calgary political science professor, argues the problem plaguing Canada's health system derive from the way Ottawa adds innovation by forcing provinces to follow its principles to quality standards. He fears the same thing will happen to cities and child care. "We've seen what centralized health care can do as the Canada Health Act in the problem, not a model for solutions." Coopers says, "If there is going to be a Canada Cities Act, or a Canada Early Learning Act, the same thing will happen—a disaster."

Heard edged in some of that war was not heard much in the afterglow of last week's health agreement. But if Martin really wants to keep extending Ottawa's influence, he'll have to brace for real resistance. That's the problem with proving he can deliver a deal. It's behind the scenes that he won't want him to do again.



For the PM and his social development minister, the findings are food for thought.

kids perform. The annual National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth has been charting the progress of thousands of children since the mid-1990s. Maclean's asked Statistics Canada to compile previously unpublished NLSY figures on 3,877 children who attended kindergarten in 1998-99. Their teachers were asked which kids performed "near the top of their class."

The minister divides the children into seven groups, based on how they were cared for before entering school, ranging from at-home with mom, to full-time daycare. The categories include blends of different types of preschool experience, taking into account the reality that many Canadian children attend just one early educational program. These include scenarios such as organized mom-and-to go groups, or a few hours in preschool every week.

The data suggest those attending extra are crucial. The top three categories, for both "learning skills" and "communication skills," are filled by kids who got the benefit of those early educational programs, whether they were attached with parents or in daycare the rest of the time. The bottom four categories are all occupied by kids who did not participate in any such programs.

This is not the first time the NLSY kindergarten teachers' survey has been mined. A Statistics Canada report five years back used an earlier version of the same data, but it offered, at best, an incomplete picture. The 1999 study, titled "From Home to School—How Canadian Children Cope," lumped all children into just two groups: 1) "those who attended an early childhood program, a day-care centre, or in school from a paid worker such as a nanny or relative," and 2) "those who attended at home with a parent, who is 90 per cent of the cases was their mother." In such cases, the survey was inconclusive. "The children in the first group were doing better at school."

That finding now looks dubious. The

## THE NUMBERS FOR INQUIRING LITTLE MINDS

Percentage of kids in each category rated near the top of their kindergarten class have different preschool experiences can affect student performance

### IN LEARNING SKILLS

Regulated daycare, no other early education program	19.5%
Care at home by non-parent, no other early educational program	25.5
Home with a parent, no other early education program	26.2
Non-regulated daycare, no other early education program	26.8
Home with a parent, plus outside early education program	34.1
Regulated daycare, plus outside early education program	35.9
Non-regulated daycare, plus outside early education program	39.1

### IN COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Home with a parent, no other early education program	26.2%
Regulated daycare, no other early education program	29.0
Non-regulated daycare, no other early education program	29.3
Care at home by non-parent, no other early educational program	29.5
Home with a parent, plus outside early education program	35.1
Non-regulated daycare, plus outside early education program	38.7
Regulated daycare, plus outside early education program	42.1

Source: Statistics Canada, National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth. From a sample of 3,877 children who were in kindergarten in 1998-99. Excludes 40,000 children from Ontario provinces.

report failed to note that kids in regulated daycare, unless they attended other early education programs, fared worse on learning skills. As for stay-at-home kids underachieving in kindergarten, there's no sign of that in the data. In fact, among children not given a boost from early education programs, those raised at home by a parent did better than their peers from regulated daycare on learning skills, and about on a par with kids reared by nannies or in non-regulated care. And among kids who enjoyed the advantages of additional programs, those raised at home by a parent fared about as well as their classmates from regulated daycare, although somewhat less well than those from non-regulated care. Children cared for at home by a parent did less well on the mark on communication skills.

Marta Wandji, co-ordinator of the Child Care Research and Research Unit at the University of Toronto, and a long-time advocate of the sort of national child-care push

the Liberals are now promoting, contends that the NLSY categories are too broad to reveal much about what works and what doesn't. She argues that lumping all regulated daycare into one category fails to distinguish between high-quality centres and poor care. "It's not a meaningful category because you don't know if it's good daycare or not," she says. (The data also doesn't distinguish, of course, between good and bad parents, or good and bad unregulated care.) As well, she adds, points out that the figures tell nothing about the families the kids come from. Are they prosperous or poor? What level of education do the parents have?

Obviously the statistics leave such questions unanswered. Still, for Social Development Minister Mike Dinning, the results justify a claim by Paul Martin to accelerate a federal child-care and early development plan, they are food for thought. The rankings strongly suggest that Ottawa needs to worry about the quality of daycare as well as the sheer number of new spaces made available. And while much of the focus has been on the Liberal vow to create a universal daycare program, these numbers highlight the importance of other early education programs, like nursery schools and playgroups, that can enhance those kindergarten years so critical to basic child-care choice parents make. □

# READY FOR SCHOOL

As the Liberals prepare for a child-care program, stats show that quality is as important as quantity

**BY NOW** this year's crop of Canadian five-year-olds is starting into the routine of kindergarten. More are no doubt thriving, but some will do better than others. Parents wonder what gives a kid that edge. And because the Liberals promised in the spring election campaign to fund a \$5-billion "national early learning and child care program," figuring out the best way to prepare children

for the classroom is a pressing public policy question as well. It can also be an emotional issue: daycare advocates and proponents of stay-at-home parenting are two often viewed as opposing camps. The debate sometimes comes down to a combustible mix of ideology, intuition and anecdote.

But a national study has attempted to gather objective data on how kindergarten

**CHILDREN who attend some form of early education program appear to do better once they reach kindergarten**

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Joe Thornton celebrates Scott Niedermayer's second-period goal in the final against Finland

Hockey

# Last Hurrah

AGAINST THE BLEAK BACKDROP OF A MAJOR NHL LABOUR WAR, CANADA REASSERTS ITS HOCKEY SUPREMACY, CHARLIE GILLIS WRITES





The potent mix of veterans such as Lefors (left) and talented newcomers like Grant, Hansen (top) and Bouch (above), selecting his Cup-viewing gold gave fans reason to cheer.



**THE MOST PROPHECIC** played at last week's World Cup of Hockey final was easy to miss in the crowd. The woman holding it was seated next to a man wicking a red and blue strobe-light, which produced a display of colorful flaking with every pass in play. As an attention getter, the doodad was a bit—no mean feat on a night when Toronto's Air Canada Centre was crisscrossed to the rafters with flags and banners and people pinned up like wilting maple leaves. But things told the story of the whole tournament: "Hockey is Canada's Game," it said in blood-red letters, and no one—least of all the million-herd of Plains seated a couple of sections away—seemed inclined to argue.

So relax, everyone. Call off the royal rosin mission. Cancel the open live therapy sessions on sports talk radio. It turns out the country's overly-madrigal hockey system is just fine, thank you, even as the pre-league it supplies with talent makes into a potentially distractive lockout. Last week's World Cup victory over the Finns gave Canada its fourth international title in elite men's hockey since 1962, which it clinched the gold medal at the Winter Olympics. During this period, the team has had no equal. Thirty wins in last 37 games. The title at the International Ice Hockey Federation championship, which is played during the Stanley Cup playoffs. One Olympic gold and a World Cup trophy that—while decidedly hoarse on its pedestal at center ice—looked downright pretty in Marie Leskela's hands.

Forty-five, to think the sky was falling less than a decade ago. Team that began maturing in 1996, when a squad of upstart Americans pulled the first World Cup, touched full bell as Team Canada finished out of the medals at the 1998 Winter Games in Nagano. That began a kind of national identity attack, where symptoms included collective depression, endless criticisms of the country's amateur hockey system and newspaper rants on how we could learn to push harder as well as the Europeans. "We played too much, critics said, and we practiced too little. We valued strength above skill in a game whose pace was increasing with each new generation. Worse, we got dollar signs in our eyes. We forgot that hockey is a kid's game and we drove our youngsters too hard in search of NHL contracts."

You would think, after such a clamor, that a few hockey types would see last week's victory to settle scores, no more, after all, like



# How to get a deal

IT'S A LONG SHOT, BUT OPTIMIST JAMES DEACON SAYS SOME OF THIS NHL SEASON CAN BE SAVED

years ago? With such a wealth of blue-chip talent—either on the ice, or rising through the system—how could a couple of losses send us on what *Reger* (in only a slight overstatement) described last week as a “witch hunt”? Why not swallow hard and move on, the way we did when our rosters fell short in the Olympics? The answer of course is pride. Pride in the game we entered, pride in showing the world how it’s played. Jerome Iginla, who genetically personifies the word “competitor,” isn’t even pride in a deadly sin where hockey’s concerned—even if it leads to the occasional bout of paranoia. “The exciting thing about a competition is that it can go either way,” said the Calgary Flames captain. “A bad bounce here or there can change everything, and I think that’s what happened to Canadian teams in some very key international situations. At the same time, it was good because it fired everybody up.”

And fired up is how Canada will need to be to stay atop the hockey pecking order. While last week’s win fulfilled most World Cup predictions, it’s easy to forget the Flames lost by a mere goal, or that Canada stole an overtime win in the semifinal from a Czech team that quite simply outplayed them. In the end, Finnish coach Raimo Summanen took his team to Canada’s players and managers. “What a hockey country, and what a tradition!” But he also served notice of tactical battles to come. In years past, Summanen noted, Finland would have been scrambling far enough world-class players

**GRETZKY** credited older players like Lemieux, Sakic and Foote, who’d endured all the outcry following previous losses

to ice a competitive team. Now they’re hanging for titles. “Later on,” he added in their fully blown English, “we can replace win sometimes in this tournament.”

It’s development doesn’t seem to be needed, for the sake of both Finland and fans of competitive hockey. It may be Canada’s game, after all, but better recognition has obviously brought it to new heights. And losing a few times has done nothing worse than remind us how much we love it. ■

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**AT LUNCHTIME** on the day Canada would win its first World Cup, Colin Campbell, the NHL’s harried head of hockey operations, walked into the league’s Toronto offices and stopped to say hi to a colleague who was heading for the elevator. They didn’t talk about the exciting prospect of this night’s game against the Finns, or about the upcoming season. Campbell instead looked concerned, and asked her, “You picked up yet?” “Not quite,” the woman replied, “but I’m getting there.” A few minutes later, another long conversation emerged from the elevator to meet a visitor in the lobby. “Was she going to take time off when the lockout began?” the visitor asked. “No, I’m gone, done, outta here,” the staffer said, then added with a frown: “The years of loyalty have really paid off, don’t you think?”

Who cares about billion-dollar team owners and millionaire players. They’re rich enough to survive as ice age without seriously displacing their wine cellar or running out of \$100 cigars. The NHL lockout will be inconvenient for TV networks and radio stations, and fans will miss their game. But the real casualties of this bitter standoff are thousands of scores and acres staff in 34 North American cities whose jobs disappeared last week when the league locked out its players. Among them are 50 per cent of the NHL’s office employees in Montreal, Toronto and New York—administrative personnel, sales people, the folks who don’t get rich off the game—who were laid back in July that they’d be terminated in late Sept. 30 if it didn’t get done. This isn’t like the 1994 lockout when people were kept on in hopes a deal would get done. There is no deal that’s close to completion here. So now a *Yankees*, since known as *ya*, good luck finding a new job.

This ain’t a negotiation. It’s a war of attrition. The opportunity for compromise passed more than a year ago, leaving a philosophical divide between players and owners that can only be bridged if one side caves. Don’t



Nashville's Rick Hamilton picks up after the NHL lockout. He's 750 players

hold your breath—there were no talks planned for the days before and after the Sept. 15 deadline because both sides had their positions pretty much etched in stone come go. The NHL says its business can only be saved by major restructuring because payroll sat up three-quarters of all revenues. The 30 teams claim that, as a result, they lost US\$500 million in the last two seasons, so commissioner Gary Bettman wants to cap salaries to just over 50 per cent of revenues, reducing the average player salary to under \$3 million from US\$1.5 million, or about 38 per cent

Players association boss Bob Goodenow, who blames league losses more on ownership decisions than on salaries being driven higher by a free market, vows he'll never agree to a cap. He did offer an immediate 50-per cent rollback on salaries and some other concessions, but none of his proposals is the most instantly known symbol of what's at stake. So you can bet he's out there being no NHL hockey for a year.

Unless Montreal's impossible Pops could by The Leafs could win the Stanley Cup

What's to say there won't be half a season starting in January? In that optimistic spirit, Maclean's offers this eight-step plan for getting negotiations on the fast track

## 1. BRING IN THE BEAN COUNTERS

The league has repeatedly offered its open to books and let the teams perform it: its own audit, but Goodenow has put an unprecedentedly high offer. It's a chance to negotiate to a percentage of revenues, so why bother? But he should reconsider. “The players’

residue is based on a well-established distrust of team owners and dates back to the days when guys like Marston Richard and Gordie Howe were paid peanuts while making their owners rich. Even a decade ago, hockey salaries lagged well behind those in other top pro sports. If players saw what was really happening on the horizon line, they might be more trusting and less willing to put volatile franchises—and colleagues’ jobs—at risk with an extended dispute.”

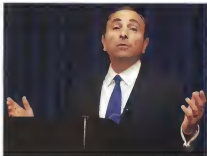
But then, the league might bring in some number crunchers of its own. Some some of the less detail-oriented owners, in their hurry to finish the financial statements being submitted to the union, forget to include bills from the luxury box rentals and rebuffed advertising revenues. In the past, *Enr*, *WorldCom*, *World Business*, *World*, these overnight won't be a mistake. After all, finally reporting just gives the union another reason to distrust the owners' claims.

## 2. GET LOUD

Fans respond to on-iceboard enthusiasm to make noise, so why not this, don't let it happen. *Reger* had his last collective agreement was hurried along by fans making it very clear they'd be seriously pissed if another World Series was lost to a labour dispute. So start hockey fans ought to learn hard the league and players alike with emails and phone calls. Binge the home towns. Tell them you'll find something else to do on Saturday nights if they don't arrive a deal soon. Say what you really think about adults who aren't happy with US\$1.3 million a year. Use strong language if you must.

## 3. BOOT THE BOSSSES

There's a far better chance of reaching a sensible compromise if Goodenow and Bettman get kicked out of the circle and their lieutenants take the lead. Don't Seiken and Bill Davis, respectively, know the union, are less dogmatic and have more respect for



Regulators might go more smoothly if Goodenow (center) and Harkness let others do the talking.

one another. They're also more charming, although that's not a terribly high bar.

#### 4. LET OTHERS IN

No one knows the NHL business better than the players, but their union avoids league itself. Still, some disputes need third-party intervention to get fixed. Former Vancouver Canucks president Brian Burke outlined a complex plan on CBC's broadcast after the last World Cup game. And an investment banker who once played hockey for an Ivy League college dropped a proposal into the Maclean's suggestion box, the gist of which was this: make 20 of 31 players an every revenue share as defined salary cap, and allow each team one designated "franchise player" whose contract is determined by whatever the market will bear. When talk about it, Selkin rejected the notion because it subjected most players to a cap. Only one unrestricted operating franchise player wouldn't provide cost certainty. Since both hated it, it must be a good idea.

#### 5. DEFINE 'PRINCIPLE'

Goodenow says the union's fight isn't about greed, it's about principle. But really, what principle is he talking about? Maintaining the free market? There is no real free market in hockey. Players can't become true free agents until they're 30. The past expired agreement already had several restrictions that limit (hockey salary cap) or enhance

(qualifying offers) player contracts. And if union members are talking about the principles that Ted Lindsay fought for back in the 1950s, well, think again. The current union leaders have turned down a guarantee of 54 percent of all league revenues. Old times rolled only in the most fair, and 54 percent seems pretty fair.

#### 6. IT WORKS FOR TIM HORTONS

Tim's isn't fast food, but it does need to conduct a small franchise management class for a few of his daily owners. Without going to their heads, these guys do the stupidest things, like agreeing to pay Alexei Yashin and Bill Guerin and Bobby Holm US\$9 million a year. Each. No wonder the union scores big points with the argument that the league is losing money because some owners aren't very smart businessmen.

#### 7. REMEMBER WHO REALLY COUNTS

It's true that hockey-loving kids are denied their seasonal TV fix. But fans aren't the ones you know and league people need to

keep in mind: it's the unemployed. Don't forget all those young, talented, willing-to-work-for-less because-they-love-hockey wage earners you pink slipped because you couldn't share US\$2 billion a year without bickering. Think of what it's like for old French now trying to support families in expensive cities like New York and Toronto on unemployment benefits. If that isn't motivation for getting a deal done quickly, nothing is.

#### 8. THE PENDULUM SWINGS BACK

Fans usually support players in contract talks because, traditionally, the guys in suits didn't get their fair share of the pie from the guys in suits. But players do get a fair shake now, while the NHL has raised our own spending and licensing revenue potential, and no U.S. broadcasting income is going down. Some teams may fudge their numbers, but there's no doubting the NHL is in dire condition. Many players acknowledge this, although few of them speak up as New Jersey's John Madden did last week. They don't have to accept the league's current offer, they can negotiate better terms. But it's the players' turn to make the first move, and to kick-start across negotiations, they'll have to accept a system, be it a strong salary cap or an actual cap, that allows some cost certainty. This isn't about capitulation: It's about doing what's right for the game. ☐

**FANS USED to support players because players didn't get their fair share of the pie. Now, players do get a fair shake.**

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In 1994, Maj.-Gen. Roméo Dallaire and the tiny United Nations peacekeeping force he led in Rwanda were forced to stand helplessly by as a civil war in the central African nation descended into genocide. In a 100-day period, as the UN ignored Dallaire's pleas to intervene, Hutu extremists massacred some 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus before rebel Tutsi forces of the Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) emerged victorious. The bloodbath has continued to haunt the retired Canadian military officer, who went public in 1997 with the fact that he was suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. But in April, Dallaire returned to Rwanda with a film crew from White Pine Pictures to mark the 10th anniversary of the slaughter. The resulting documentary, *Shake Hands With the Devil: The Journey of Roméo Dallaire*, had its world premiere last week at the Toronto International Film Festival. Dallaire, who was also accompanied on the April trip by his wife Elizabeth and Maclean's Chief Photographer Peter Brzoza, describes what it was like to return to Rwanda for the first time in a decade. He dedicates this piece "to the Rwandans, abandoned to their fate, who were slaughtered in the hundreds of thousands, and to the 14 UN soldiers under my command who died bravely in the service of peace and humanity."

**ENORMOUS ANXIETY** overwhelmed me for a few minutes as we landed for the final approach to Kigali airport. I turned to Elizabeth and asked her the rhetorical question, "Why did I come back here?" The rhetorical answers were evident: there was no doubt in my mind that, as a member of the UN, I had officially failed. I was to present a paper on conflict at an international conference in Tokyo, the capital of Rwanda, and I wanted both to see, feel, and tell Rwanda. But

*Charlotte from top left: paying homage to the dead in flowers; members of the 5,000 dead at Muramba church; memorial site in Kigali; children greeting visitors*

# TO HELL AND BACK

A decade after the genocide, Roméo Dallaire writes about his uneasy return

there had to be more. What would compel me to return to "hell" 10 years later?

The Rgala of today and of 10 years ago are two different worlds. Now the fine-grained metropolis in the heart of Africa has a booming economy with a thriving population, new construction, modern infrastructure,

Where hundreds of cars, trucks, garbage and broken-down airport machinery once lay, the tarmac was impeccable and there was plenty of modern equipment. There was even a very serious and professional-looking security squad staring at me and my entourage as we searched off the plane.

consuming voyeurism became too much for me, both emotionally and physically, and led to some very messy moments in I went through bouts of anger and sadness. And so, as I was lost in my inner state, the pilgrimage became harder with every passing day. I had hoped to seek forgiveness

visiting some 15 or so sites where I had conducted most of my work. Local people would recognize me and come forward to shake my hand and thank me for having attempted to stop the genocide. This was the best therapy I could ever get. It meant that some of the survivors had neither moved nor died in fear

with dadala upon the poor who stayed behind through the Hutu oppression. These poor seem to be grateful in the new regime's social development plan.

Taking a closer look at the "modern" Rwandan society, I saw a new form of marginalization of some. Primarily in charge of the

during the civil war. There is an abundance of rehabilitation/reconciliation programs for this group, although security monitoring exists in specific areas of the country.

With the expanded participation of the genocide, the returning Hutu soldiers of the former Rwandan Government forces and their allies. Most are languishing in terrible conditions in Rwandan jails, slowly going through the village justice system of reconciliation known as the Gacaca. Both are the extremes of the old regime, some living in European safe places in Africa. Others live in the jungles of eastern Congo where they're supported by a variety of governments—including the Congolese government—and conduct murderous raids into Rwanda. Finally, the Hutu group is made up of the most hard-line, Hutu-hating leaders. The brains and instigators of the genocide, many of them have been dealt with by the Interim National Criminal Tribunal in Arusha.

This is the essence of Rwandan society that resulted from the genocide and the civil war. Can Gen. Paul Kagame, the current president, bring about his early plan of ending tribal discrimination through assimilation of the two major ethnic groups? Can he impose in a timely and fair fashion to the different needs of the population? Can he do this while vigilantly monitoring his borders against continuous raids and a potential invasion by neighboring land forces, as well as possible intervention by oppressed Hutus? A tall order, indeed, for any political leader.

The trip did not really meet my possibly unrealistic expectations. I did not sufficiently grasp or experience with the spirits of the dead Rwandan victims before a few days of red earth. Not was I able to reach out, to my satisfaction, those Rwandan leaders and simple folks I had befriended years ago and who I hoped had survived. I will do this in the future, as Kagame agreed to my proposal to return to live in Rwanda for a year or so.

Knowing now that a G7 summit at the most powerful nations on Earth, including Canada, was being held in Naples during the genocide in 1994, I recognize my failure to do so. I continue to live with the guilt of not defying protocol, and enabling that gathering to ignore those leaders of aiding and abetting the killings by their inaction. The obscene scale of human destruction and the betrayal of Rwandans during these 100 days required no less.



darkness and a single repetition of order. Gone are the signs of every possible window destroyed, and artillery, rocket and machine gun damage on blackened buildings. Gone too are the blood and gore, the soil and suffocating smell of death stagnant in every corner, bodies in bags washed like coffee, from mass graves filled to the brim, and raped and disemboweled bodies of young women and girls in dark passageways.

The contrast was complete, right down to the new apartment. Col. Frank Rutamaza, a liaison officer with the RPF in 1994. Frank, who greeted us upon landing, smiled and hugged me, although with a bit of reserve. The modern architectural jewel of Rwanda was and remains the same. I had seen it untouched and shelled. But now, instead of the shattered, were our UN flag on the roof, it had Rwanda's new flag, which I did not recognize. Frank later told me that Rwanda has a new constitution as well.)

The transformation of Kigali and most of the African Continent—"the thousand hills" being an apt nickname for Rwanda—was very positive. But the shadows of sexuality at times forced me to look away in disbelief. Everywhere, the destruction, the mud and the rights of hundreds of thousands of refugees and displaced persons had been removed as if with scalpel-like precision. Continuously, the current normalcy was overlaid by mental video clips showing, with seemingly digital clarity, the horrors at the same place 10 years ago. These

from the tens of thousands of Rwandan people who were the hills and valleys, but the trip ultimately turned out to be a sort of purgatory in a paradise restored. I couldn't wait for it to end.

This positive presentation of Rwanda left me with a sense that something was being consoling, assimilated, or even eradicated. The first sign was the overwhelming presence of members of the Tutsi in both governmental and security forces. The minister of defense is one of the Tutsi Hutu in cabinet. The second sign was the opposition to all Rwandans to remember their ethnic origin anyone who refers to their Hutu or Tutsi origins risks imprisonment. This rather draconian system of reconciliation seems to dilute human rights and requires, in my opinion, a very risky policy of reconstituting a cohesive Rwandan identity.

Much of the nine-day trip was dedicated to discussing the tragic events of 1994 and

the little that my critically reduced time was able to do during the 100 days of genocide.

I was brought abruptly back down to earth, however, during our visit to the huge Akiba horn soccer stadium in Kigali. As I was descending the bleachers and provision that more than 12,000 refugees suffered for months in the endurance while being protected by my few troops, three Tutsi survivors approached me with a petition. They asked, in essence, that they be receiving some to no support to help them rebuild their homes and have it be some to jobs and health care. As well, they said, the government consider them a nuisance when they complain. There are clear divisions within the Tutsi. Those who fought the war from bases in neighboring Congo outside Rwanda and the wealthy Tutsi diaspora that has now returned from far and wide look

believe revisits the genocide in Rwanda province where he used to work some years, broken are returned to a main camp in Kigali 10 years after the mass slaughter (left).

country are the RPF leaders and troops and the very well-to-do expatriates who, once in the last days of the war, came back in hordes and started displacing poor Tutsi survivors from their homes. Second are the Tutsi survivors looking for compensation for their losses and seeking entry into the mainstream of society. Third are the Hutus who have been displaced internally and are making do either with lower-paying jobs or a life of poverty on their small plots of land across the countryside. Fourth are those Hutus who had fled into the Congo and Tanzania for fear and who look



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**'I HAD HOPED**  
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roam the hills and valleys'



## BUNK BY THE BARREL

Worried about oil prices? There's nothing to fear but...you know the rest.

**YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED** that it didn't cost you \$200 to fill up your car with gas this week. At last check, buying an additive-rich dollar didn't require a second mortgage. And this winter you probably won't have to turn furnaces to heat your house. Those, all this story come out of nowhere, because in August, when the price of oil shot up to almost US\$50 a barrel, headlines were warning that the 1970s were back and a new oil crisis was upon us. The reality is less dramatic, but far more amazing.

Let's start with the "recent high" oil prices you were reading about last month. Actually,

let's start by forgetting about them, because they were never really record highs at all. Oil hit US\$49.40 a barrel on Aug. 20, its highest-ever quoted price. But when you adjust for inflation, it was still far below the US\$80 a barrel oil reached in 1979, the height of that decade's energy crisis.

It's true, oil rose more than 40 per cent this year. The kind of spike makes people doze at night again. As always, there were legions of speculators only too happy to stoke the energy, spiraling tales about conspiracy, strategic shortages and inevitable disaster. Lastly they're hard-pressed to find a way to work with. There's the tragic case in Iraq, rising demand from China's burgeoning industrial revolution, Russia's economic threats to seize control of Yukon. In biggest oil producer. Last week, we heard all about the potential for massive hurricanes to shut down oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico.

To the speculators, it's almost a matter that Iraq oil shipments are relatively unobstructed can start a harassment from terror.

They don't care that Russia has said again and again that it won't let the market as Yukon compromise the country's oil exports. Then the hurricane struck sure to be a non-issue for the energy industry. But all of that stuff is mere reality. For most of this year, perception has ruled the oil market. This is why analysts have estimated that as of price, July 31, is almost a third, of the price of oil was based purely on fear rather than market conditions.

Thinking about fear, it comes and goes. It can subvert the laws of supply and demand for awhile, but market forces always

win out eventually. And what we're seeing right now are the early stages of a market decline. Last week the price of oil was down 13 per cent from its high. The conflict in Iraq didn't end. Russia didn't drop its tax evasion case against Yukon, and China didn't take a Great Leap backward. It's just that the numbers seemed to come into focus again.

Mind you, not everyone was misled into believing the sky was falling. BGA Research in Montreal had this to say on Aug. 19, the day before the oil price peaked: "We suspect that prices have been driven beyond a sustainable level by aggressive speculators and industry players who are fearful of a supply crisis." The research firm called it a "bumping price" and predicted that oil would be heading lower in short order.

**DRAWING** firm economic conclusions from the short-term gyrations of the oil market is like getting your taxes done by a compulsive liar who can't count.

BGA noted that production being up, and the fall isn't over yet. In fact, many are starting to believe that the oil risk-fearful energy market is a sudden drop in prices rather than another surge. Last week, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries raised production levels by a million barrels a day to reassure everyone the world isn't running out of oil. OPEC is now producing more oil than at any point in the past 25 years, substantially more than is required to meet market demands.

"Remember that speculators cause both ways," OPEC stated in its official statement.

As soon as the speculators start announcing their profits, "the crude price could, in turn, spread down rapidly."

This sudden turnaround in oil prices is made even more likely by the fact that the Petroleum International Energy Agency has found that oil supplies are actually much bigger than previously thought. Inventories reported in May were understated by about 12 million barrels, and the June figure was understated by another 27 million. But hey, haven't we all misplaced 30 million barrels of oil at some point in our lives?

All this is more evidence of what analysts have long suspected: the numbers are almost totally unreliable, and have tended to overstate the extent of the world's energy woes. Speculators exploit that uncertainty to create unrealistic spikes in the oil price. Under these conditions, drawing any firm economic conclusions from the short-term gyrations of the oil market is like getting your taxes done by a compulsive liar who can't count.

According to Merrill Lynch estimates, based on data from the UK and elsewhere, worldwide demand for oil will rise 3.2 per cent this year, only slightly faster than the three per cent rise in global production. That will still leave us producing 200,000 barrels a day more than we are consuming.

How does this translate into a 90 per cent rise in price? It doesn't. In fact, those same analysts at Merrill Lynch estimate a barrel of oil will cost US\$33.50 on average next year, about 25 per cent less than it did last week.

All the overthought wailing of oil lost underpins our tendency to confuse short-term volatility with a long-term trend. The world is headed for a gradual rise in petroleum prices and a depletion of world reserves over the course of decades. But just like a single cold winter isn't evidence of a new ice age, spikes in the oil market aren't harbingers of imminent economic doom. ■

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# SWEET SUCCESS

Backstage after his triumph, writes SHANDA DEZIEL, Kanan Porter wasn't letting *Idol* worship go to his head

**ABOUT AN HOUR** after being crowned the new Canadian *Idol*, Kanan Porter is in the bathroom attached to his dressing room, getting ready for the after-party—already in full swing at downtown Toronto nightclub ACTV stuff, who's already been to the party and back, reminds everyone in the room to get their ID. "I'm not really going to get carded, am I?" taken a very atypical wardrobe person. "Without missing a beat, 18-year-old Porter peels his head around the corner and, toothbrush in mouth, asks, 'Bitch!'"

After winning the second Canadian *Idol* title over Saskatchewan jazz singer Theresa Soleris, the shy but remarkably composed Medicine Hat, Alta., native has spent the last hour talking to the press, signing a recording contract with BMG and making the rounds backstage, shaking hands or

shaking a bag with every behind-the-scenes person. "Impossibly sweet and angel-faced, he's the kind of guy people want to take care of. Yet he's more comfortable doing things for himself—than hanging up his own dorky post-show to carrying his own oversized bag into the after-party. His handlers won't let him do the latter, although they're happy to see he's taken an interest in travel accessories. "At the beginning of the show, I used to carry my things around in plastic bags," says Porter, revealing to a pretty blue-gray bagged inside his new, sleek luggage. "I've had that one since I made the top 125."

Porter is the son of a cattle rancher father, Jack, and a stay-at-home mom, Janet, and is the oldest of three. It was his family that pushed him into auditioning. Classically trained in piano, violin, viola and voice, he's

played in various ensembles, including an orchestra and his family's own rock band. This past year, he was studying commerce at Medicine Hat College and had scheduled an audience for the entry program at McGill. "I realized that's a lot of work," says Porter, explaining why he decided to skip it. "You have to really want that, and I just wasn't sure, because I like all kinds of music."

Instead, he ended up at a much different audition. In April, Porter stood before the Canadian *Idol* judges in Edmonton, looking extremely nervous and about 12 years old. But he figured the four music vets with a missing, smouldering redline of *House of Music* were. They predicted right there that he could win the whole thing. And from the start, he was the one to beat—unlike last year's runner, Ryan McColeen, who was voted

off in the first round and then brought back as a wild card.

But Porter, who benefited from a school-geared voice—reminiscent by his early blood-laden and sad blue eyes—now has a long fair to judge him by his first single, *Awake in a Dream*—a pop listening-pop winner with one of his first songs. And don't hold high expectations for the quality of his first album, to be panned (by a team), recorded and rushed out before Christmas. But somewhere down the line, Porter just might turn into an arena of his own making.

For now, though, all he has to do is make assurance. Arranging at the bar for the post-show bash, the car door opens and a house immediately slips an under-age wristband on the *Idol*. Cried at his own party. **S.D.**

## WHY I GOT IDOLATROUS

Five things that made season two way more fun than the first

When the inaugural American *Idol* winner, Kelly Clarkson, and the runner-up, Justin Guarini, put out the vinyl-inducing flick *From Justin to Kelly*, it became official: the *Idol* franchise must die. Of course, it didn't—here Canada had jumped on the bandwagon, producing an Ryan McColeen, a singing writer whose manufactured music career has become a bit of a joke thanks to his solo debut CD and all-purging appearance. Surely there was nothing the country needed less than a second Canadian *Idol* talent. But this year, the show looks a whole lot better. And here are five reasons why.

**1. JACOB HOGGARD**  
Dawning light points and a sweeter seed for a tongue-in-cheek, in his case, mag-in-top—version of Paul Anka's *Put Your Head on My Shoulders*, and a full-body blue leotard has inspired performance of David Bowie's *Space Oddity*, Sir Hoggard (as knighted by host Theresa Soleris) in the first *Idol* contestant to push any boundaries. "You use these competitions and a lot of it's just making sure you sang good and look suit for the camera," says Hoggard, 23. "I didn't want to do that." As



Hoggard and Soleris play Lightfoot's *Trilogy*

the true star of the show, Hoggard will have negotiations getting a record deal, his own TV series or a big screen offer, and he will probably be better (as a musician or actor) now that he doesn't have to put out one of those rushed, lame *Idol* albums.

**2. MUSICIANSHIP**  
Looking a tad uncomfortable, six Canadian contestants together tackled Gordon Lightfoot's Canadian *Album Trilogy*—with mawkish results. It was a franchise first and a step in the credibility direction for the show and its performers—although it would have been an even bigger deal had they been allowed to use instruments while competing.

**➔ FOR MORE** on *Idol*, photos from the Canadian *Idol* finale, visit [www.music-104.ca/gallery](http://www.music-104.ca/gallery)

### 3. GORDON LIGHTFOOT

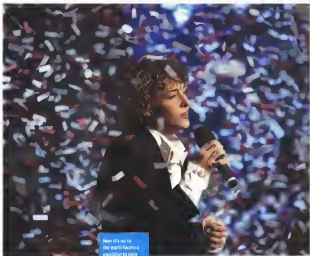
It's hard to imagine why this Canadian legend agreed to be joined by the *Idol*—except for the fact that he got to start on a *Idol* festival singing contest. Unlike other game stars, Lightfoot didn't push over the merriment of his life's work. Showing dignity and professionalism, he gave the wee wee entertainers a lesson in artistry.

### 4. ICH DÖSE

One day this brilliant comedian will be a guest on *So Happy Right Live* at the Toronto Show, and he'll look back and think, "Man, I really like Mulroney's sidekick!"

### 5. CANADIAN HUMILITY

Unlike its American sibling, the more folksy Canadian *Idol* doesn't take stuff too seriously. Mean judge Zack Miller occasionally shows emotion—something his left-right cousin U.S. counterpart, Simon Cowell, seems incapable of. Mulroney can take a joke (even one as disconcerting as getting a wet willy from Hoggard), and the contestants, especially Hoggard and winner Kanan Porter, show genuine, unabashed affection for each other. What the show lacks in musical integrity, it makes up for with heart. **S.D.**



Now it's up to the world-famous audition to give poor *Idol* respect



# EXTREME CINEMA

At Toronto's festival, BRIAN D. JOHNSON faced an onslaught of political rage, cruelty—and explicit sex



**NICK NOLTE**, Tom Green and the Governor General walk into a bar. It's no joke. Just another night at the film festival that we Toronto. The occasion is a soiree to celebrate the premiere of *Clean and Dirty*, two movies featuring Canadian actor Dan McKellar. The party is spread over three floors of the Drake Hotel, a old temple of the arts. At the bar, Nolte orders three separate glasses and, like a mad scientist, mixes his own cocktail of vodka and Sprite. In the basement, the Governor General dances

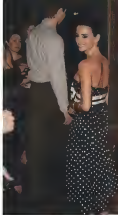
with the Icelandic ambassador to the rhythm of a hip-hop band. Tom Green jumps on stage and ad-libs toward the microphone before he's politely ushered off. But he announces that at that spot the Governor General, and asks if she's there alone. After 15 minutes, meanwhile, spends a long time deep in conversation with punk actor director Harmony Korine (Bale), but after Korine compliments him on his "performance as the pit scene" in *Clean*, Egoyan realizes he's been mistaken for McKellar. The same night, McKellar gets mistaken for Egoyan by one of *Clean*'s co-producers.

Such is the nature of celebrity in Canada, where you can be recognized without being identified. But that's also typical of festival fever, a delirium of films, faces and themes that swirl together with promiscuous abandon. Is one of the Toronto program's oddest movies, *I ♥ Huckabees*, Dustin Hoffman plays an "existential detective" who probes coincidences in his client's lives and ends like an aging acrobat about how everything is connected to everything else.

But you didn't have to be mad, or on drugs,

to connect the dots in the wheeling constellation of cinema and madness known as the Toronto International Film Festival, which ended this weekend. What emerged from this blur of 348 titles was a cinema of extremes—extremes of sex, politics, intelligence and laughter—with enough considerations lighting up the assignment to turn a film critic into a conspiracy theorist. First your heart goes out to veterans protesting the Vietnam war in *Going Overboard*. The Long Walk of John Kerry. Cut to present, post-9/11 America, where a deranged Vietnam vet in a surveillance van tracks a suspected Arab terrorist through the streets of L.A. in a *Waco* Western drama called *Land of Plenty*. Then cut back to the '70s, to *The Assassination of Richard Nixon*, in which an American terrorist played by Sean Penn asks: "What happens to the land of the plenty when there's plenty for the few and nothing for the plenty?"

One minute a 12-year-old boy is losing his virginity in McKellar's *Children*, then a 12-year-old girl is plotting to get pregnant in Todd Solondz's *Punchdrunk*. You're told to embrace Kevin Bacon as a reformed child



The credits included (clockwise from left) Penelope Cruz, Ezra, Penn, Claire Danes



molester in *The Woodsman*, then in *Mysterious Skin* you witness as a boy is initiated into sex by his Little League coach. Dazed, you walk out into the sunshine and watch police arrest a video artist for inserting demeaning pictures poisoning a Canadian documentary about him killing a cat.

Before moving on to genocide, let's talk about sex—adult sex between consenting adults. That was a hotspot at more than one festival party, as critics heartily pronounced this to be the Year of the Porn. Proud members delivered towering performances in a record number of graphic films—from *Anatomy of Hell*, Catherine Breillat's male-butching diatribe, to *The Raspberry Ruck*, Bruce LaBruce's trifle of gay agit-

porn. Far less, however, the most remarkable was Michael Winterbottom's explicit chamber piece, *9 Songs*, in which two legitimate actors play out a love affair that leaves nothing, not even ejaculations, to the imagination.

The film consists of sex scenes intercut with performances by rock bands. But here's what's unusual: It doesn't pretend to be about anything, and the lovers actually seem fond of each other. Winterbottom must be the first non-porn director to shoot a movie full of hard-core sex without harnessing it to a polemic of gender politics. *9 Songs* is just a sweet portrait of two lovers basking in the cozy glow of infatuation. Who knows where this might lead. If porn crosses into the mainstream, we'll never hear the end of it. Measuring a star's ability to open a movie and outgrow the competition could take on a whole new meaning.

At least one movie devoted to carnal pleasures favored talk over action. *Kinky* tells the fascinating story of the American sociologist who miswired thousands of Americans about their erotic activities, shattering taboos by challenging notions of what's "normal." Directed by Bill Condon (*Gods and Monsters*), Liam Neeson constructs a dynamic yet gently nuanced portrait of Kinsey that should make him a leading Oscar contender.

Neeson was just one of a half-dozen actors at the festival unleashing Oscar-caliber performances. In *Alondra*, Alexandra Arredondo's *Mar Adentro* (The Sea Within), Javier Bardem exerts a seductive, heartrending performance in the true story of a Spanish quadriplegic fighting for the right to die. In *Ray*,





## IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK

Where hate-monger Ernst Zundel once lived, university kids now party

IN MAY 2001, the vintage Victorian house at 206 Carlton St. in Toronto got a new lease on life. There would be no more radio broadcasts about the bunker-like basement dwelling that the Holocaust occurred. Samaritan Publishing Co., which produced such anti-Semitic material as *Dief Sir Mathew Rustly Die!* and *The Assassins' List* and sold it around the world, would close operations. And Ernst Zundel, the self-proclaimed "most hated man in Canada," would no longer parade through the diverse neighborhood

of Cobblegrove in his construction hat Zundel was gone for good.

I live there now, along with 13 other Ryerson University students. And the new man, who'd owned the building for 23 years, is a military contractor in a Toronto downtown centre. The federal government is asking to deport him to his native Germany, where he's wanted on hate crime charges, after a national security certificate. Under the certificate and legal proceedings, details of the allegations against Zundel are withheld from his defence team. He had

38,000 e-mails, many referring to Zundel.

We still deal with the trickiest and nastiest comments from locals who don't know the house has new inhabitants. The fact that its appearance has changed very little doesn't help. The bricks, a mix of red and white with red in the main and black, are now an unusual sunset-gold colour. But Zundel's original green one-piece suit was under the floor of the property. The steel front door is like the entrance to a bank vault and has three narrow windows. One is on the inside, another is on the outside. The windows are now

British Columbia on a speaking tour, announced the fire to the house. Damage to the building and its contents was estimated at \$400,000. The roof and top floors were torn down and rebuilt, and most of Zundel's 5,000-volume library was destroyed. Michael McGonaghy, a neighbour I spoke to who has spent most of his life in Cobblegrove, fondly remembers guffin his way on the house a few days after it was engulfed in flames. "I'm an Ernst Zundel House on the street!"—a play on the "Holocaust denial" label newspapers often use for Zundel. McGonaghy, a writer and bartender at a Cobblegrove pub, also recalled a house that took place inside the Zundel flat last year. A small group of friends, who seemed drunk, were yelling at the house when the basement doors swung open and nearly 20 men streamed out. The fight was over to stop at the sounds

of sirens grow louder.

Like most people in the neighborhood, McGonaghy was glad to see Zundel go. "One of the really good things about Cobblegrove are the people you recognize," he says. "That's not and so, he was the butcher, the hardware store. Whenever I saw Zundel, I'd say, 'I think I know him' and then I was like, 'Oh, it's that dude.'"

It's been four years since Zundel left, but his legacy lives in a bad taste in the mouths of many in the community. An issue of controversy, resentment and fear still surrounds his former abode. But that doesn't stop the fire that has been down. For us, the old Victorian house at 206 Carlton St. represents a first home away from home and the beginning of our independent lives. Our first party happened and the first time we had a party was going to party on the weekend and enjoy the city skyline.

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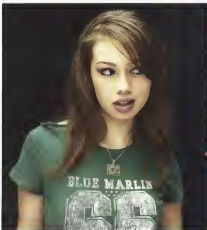


once surveyed the street—remain welded to the exterior of the building. My roommates and I tried to remove the wires from an old, handmade alarm system, though some still cling to the front wall. We also took down an internet-based flagpole that originally hung by itself from the roof displaying Zundel's logo—a Nazi flag with a swastika in place of a swastika. It's little wonder he craved such an apparition in the community.

In 1995, so many protesters gathered in front of the house demanding that Zundel be deported that Carlton Street was closed. And in May of that year, when Zundel was in

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### A teenage bard who's more Spears than Shakespeare

Sweetnam co-wrote every track but a bludgeoner on her debut CD

My Sweetnam points across the room to her tiny purple knapsack. "I always carry around notebooks and pens and a pen," she says. "I'm a writer." She's 16, a high school senior from Bolton, Ont. "One for my friends, one for my journal writing and another for drawing. I must have five million half-used notebooks scattered around the world by now."

Sweetnam turned some of those teenage scribbles into *None from the Basement*—her just-released debut CD, on which the co-wrote all but one song (*Handkerchief Heart of Glass*). Best

known for *July 5*—a single about not wanting to read Shakespeare from *New to Deal (Q303)*—Sweetnam tested out the rest of her half-penned/half-rock material in Europe this summer opening for *Britney Spears*, until the tour was cancelled due to Spears's knee injury. "Sometimes I'd go onstage with my band and scream my head off," says Sweetnam. "We caught a lot of people off guard, which is cool. And I think we made things more enjoyable for the boys/fans who had been dragged to the concert."

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## BUZZ LIST

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## DVD | Han Solo hasn't aged a bit

With a 1953-1954 *Forties*, George Lucas mixed 1950s and your memory. Perhaps he's afflicted people, but respect the legendary filmmaker's jump a few places up the list this year thanks to the release of the *Star Wars* trilogy on DVD. *Part I* will compel us that Lucas has delivered his special edition VHS versions from 1997 with new costumes, scenes and effects—*Part II* (then the original theatrical film), and *Part III* (which won't show up until the fall) is like to buy the new disc set, because of the incredible amount of extras. The set comes with the first three movies (including audio commentary from Lucas) and a 150-minute 1950s documentary with some behind-the-scenes footage detailing the origins of the saga. Other bonuses include segments on the film's characters, the birth of the light saber, and interviews with several of Hollywood's big-name directors on how the movies changed their lives. For Lucas, the money-making empire continues to grow. **B+**



## CDs | Music for all types of moods



**Jay Dee (J. Cole), *The Black onyx***  
The Toronto-based rapper-songwriter offers up a collection of warlike show tunes, rather than a good pop album. Her strong piano play on *Night Songs* (2002) is rarely showcased—opting instead on *Jay Dee Out Sept.* 30 to emphasize drums and rhythm. The CD's brief moments are when she slows things down—especially *Four Walls Is My House*. On the rest, *Shine* does an average job of channeling Jay Dee.



**Peter Dinklage, *Party of One (Step 1)***  
Clever, moody and blessed with both a sweet falsetto and a rich sax tone, the Toronto musician (formerly of *Mo'Nique's* *Local Rhythms*) has made an exciting return to the country's indie scene. His solo debut, full of contemplative, bluesy, soulful tunes and rousing pop numbers, is an evocative soundtrack for a major life change—like quitting a job or breaking up.



**The Thrills, *Let's Be In Love***  
These Irish lads could be singing about life's saddest moments and their gritty pop music would still leave you with a smile. The band's second CD doesn't have the (phenolic) California vibe of the 2001 debut, but it's just as catchy, and more eclectic—with witty pop culture references (like *Wine & Honey*) and *Found My Love*), courtesy of move-loving song writer Gennet Dwyer.

JAY DEE: JIMMY KIMBLE; PETER DINKLAGE: JIMMY KIMBLE; THE THRILLS: JIMMY KIMBLE

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## Music | Under the covers with Danny Michel

Since *Benny Michel* devoted his entire new CD—*Living the Alien*—to playing David Bowie covers, we asked the Québec, Ont.-based singer-songwriter to tell us his all-time favorite cover songs.

1. **BOUNCEWORTHY** (1977) "I love it. It's a great song." —JOHNNY CASH  
"With just an acoustic guitar, Cash

stepped down this big heavy rock ballad and turned it into a great country song. He does such a good job, you'd think it's his song."  
2. **THE BEATLES** (1965) "THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW"  
"It's hard to say it, but I think it's the Beatles' version better. His voice just seems to come down on my ears."  
3. **LEONARD COHEN** (1967) "Hallelujah"  
"I appreciate Cohen's writing but was never a big fan of his music. Combining his writing with Buckley's music is a perfect match. Jeff was just so sublime."



## Gary Sinise finishes John Intini's sentences

Gary Sinise has played dozens of roles, but when you think of the Blue Islands, Ill.-born actor, chances are you picture him in wheelchair-bound Vietnam vet Lt. Dan in *Forrest Gump*. Now, 10 years later, he's found a role that might surprise that one in popularity. Sinise joins the *G.S.E.* team as the star of the franchise's newest series, *G.S.E.: NY*. Sinise, 44, once nearly landed *Mad Men's* Assistant 3 director John Intini's sentences.

THE BEST HOLLYWOOD COP OF ALL TIME... was Gene Hackman in *French Connection*. He was a real bad-bitcher.  
THE LAST TIME I CRIED DURING A MOVIE... was *Amélie* in *Amélie*. The little kids were heart-breaking. I got choked up at least three or four times.

THE ONE THING I'D LIKE TO DO WITH ME... is an event was given by Elaine Steinbeck, which had been presented to her husband John Steinbeck by the American Book Sellers Association. I like to keep it in my desk.  
THE LAST TIME I DID SOMETHING FOR MYSELF... was when I played some golf. I could do it again. My handicap is 21.  
THE ONE SONG I'LL NEVER GET SIDE OF IS... *Wonder Shores* by Crosby, Stills & Nash. I used to play it all the time. We used to play it in high school. MY WORST HABIT... is being my boss. It drives me crazy, but I've just too busy to clip them, I guess.

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## Books | The cruel sea

The worst killer wave in recorded Canadian history slammed ashore on Newfoundland's St. John's Peninsula on May 18, 1975. As detailed in *Michael H. Hargrave's* *Tsunami*, the victims of the 50 subjects collected had left the tsunami traps an offshore earthquake about 5 km, but getting. The massive quake—measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale—was centered about 250 km south of the island. But none of the wave were prepared for its consequences: a 10-m-high wall of water surging at over 100 km an hour was slammed into the town. Losing a mass of recorded conversations and historical fact, Hargrave has crafted an affecting account of a marine tragedy with a crucial difference: The British fishing families were intent on the sea often taking their own lives. Hargrave's book about the total wave was a study of the 27 dead and women and children.



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## BACKTALK

### Web | When a shiny apple won't do

Collecting teachers has moved beyond waiting graffiti on school bathroom walls. A website called [www.teachersare.com](http://www.teachersare.com), which boasts more than one million postings by elementary and secondary school students nationwide, is gaining in popularity and creating its own class of controversy.

The site, on which teachers receive happy or sad notes, and even an anonymous based on their in-class helpfulness and clarity, is entirely anonymous. "The site makes students believe," says co-founder Michael Huxley, of Washington, who adds that two-thirds of the ratings are positive. "Often these are things students would never tell their teacher in class for fear of being labelled a 'brownie'." Huxley has created about a dozen "mystery" weblogs—for judging everything from recipes to people's lives—but says this site is among the most popular.

But many teachers aren't impressed, claiming the site encourages students seeking revenge. "Because it's anonymous, you



don't have to take any responsibility for your comments," says Terry Price, president of the Canadian Teachers' Federation. So far, more than 180 Canadian schools have banned access to the site on school computers. The website has made efforts to edit the most inappropriate postings, but Price says some remarks are still being kept. And it's hard to defend yourself against an invisible critic. **KAREN MARLEY**

**FIFTY PER CENT** of British Britons pretend to be asleep or continue to sleep when their babies cry during the night.

### Tech | It's easy to put your finger on it

Track password-protected websites as a teacher? Here goes the finger. Microsoft's Optical Reader (ORF) is one of the first consumer products to employ biometrics technology. Users program the scanner, which is embedded in the keyboard, to record a website's login and password. Subsequent visits only require a quick finger scan. Cool, but not perfect. The device only works with Microsoft's Internet Explorer running on Windows XP. And Microsoft doesn't recommend using it for financial sites—the subject is more for convenience than security. **MICHAEL SWIDER**



Microsoft's Optical Reader lets teachers quickly log in to secure password-protected websites.

### Money's Worth | Aromatherapy cleaners Get away from it all—while scrubbing it all

We see them creeping onto supermarket shelves: household cleaning products from brands like Liquid and Mr. Clean in an array of delightful scents. Luvember Clean, Fresh Orange, Invigorating Eucalyptus. In a stagnant market saturated with many versions of much the same formula, companies are trying to get sales by piggybacking onto the aromatherapy industry—the folks who bring you scented candles, air fresheners and other products that promise to

freshen your home and relax your mind. The most innovative aromatic cleaners—available here only in select stores or online so far, but not for long—are biodegradable, packaged to the rim and infused with essential oils. Naturally, they cost a mint. Will Canadians pay to have our homes freshly scented like a flower patch? We compared three high end, all-purpose cleaners and one biodegradable cleaner based in a new aromatic variety. **CYNTHIA REYNOLDS**



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## OUR POLITICS GONE MAD

What if (humour us) the provincial premiers ran foreign policy?

**THE BIG FIRST MINISTERS'** meeting on foreign policy went about as well as could be expected. The premiers promised to increase their foreign policy transfers to Ottawa by a few billion a year. In return, Paul Martin caved in to premiers' demands that he implement a limited set of reforms: faster uniforms for military officers, a schedule for redefining borders, and an "accountability agenda" to taxpayers will know which countries have Canadian embassies.

To be sure, there was some glitche. During the lunch break on Tuesday, Alberta

Premier Ralph Klein announced he was sending 10,000 troops to Baghdad. Simultaneously, Quebec's Jean Charest and Saskatchewan's Lorne Calvert said they were each sending 5,000 relief workers to Sudan's Darfur region. This led to some embarrassment when the mayors of Calgary, Saskatoon and Moose Jaw announced they were sending their own relief workers to Darfur. By afternoon, when you added up the missions from every jurisdiction, assorted Canadian governments had announced a combined deployment of 105,000 relief workers in Darfur, under the command of six different generals, two civilian administrators and a dairy Canadian man.

On Wednesday, New Brunswick's Bernard Lord appeared in court in St. John's in the position of Canada's new governor general. This led to some confusion when it was revealed that the premier of British Columbia, Newfoundlander and Labrador, and Nova Scotia had also appeared in court in St. John's. A search party was quickly dispatched to Rideau Hall, where it was determined that the official residence has enough bedrooms to house the new flock of viceroys, as long as they don't mind bunk beds.

A few reporters noted their eyes at the unexpected news. It's not as though we haven't seen this sort of confusion before. After all, the premiers have already appeared in embassies in Paris, even to Washington and between three and five, depending how you count these things, to the United Nations. The First Ministers were surprised when



reporters asked them about the same concern by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities that pension premiums will increase, effective Oct. 1. Analysis said the premium hike was the same as a 10-cent increase of \$6 billion, if you count in Canadian dollars issued by the Bank of Canada of New Brunswick, or \$4.9-billion, if you use Canadian dollars issued by the Bank of Canada of Prince Edward Island.

During Wednesday's discussion on "National Unity and Canadian Institutions," Ontario's Dalton McGuinty announced he would never permit Quebec to secede. Manitoba's Gary Doer, however, insisted Quebec had seceded in 1997. A brief fight ensued. The two premiers finally calmed down when Prime Minister Paul Martin offered to let both men settle Aboriginal land claims for a couple of years.

The meeting's closing news conference was interrupted, briefly, by showing pro-

testion from a group that was later identified as the Canadian Association of Constitutional Lawyers. "This is madness!" the group's president said as security guards dragged him out. "We have a constitution in this country! It says armies, embassies, pensions, monetary policy and central institutions are the federal government's responsibility!"

As the security guards continued to drag the man away—humour us and pretend the door was, like, really far away and there had to be a lot of dragging—the stilled constitutionalist continued: "This wouldn't make any more sense if it was a First Ministers' meeting on health care and the federal government was trying to tell the provinces how to run hospitals!"

Still being dragged—you would not believe how far away the door was—the man added: "Try to imagine a Canada where our peacekeeping forces were determining! A Canada where the roads and sewers were collapsing because all the money was going to health budgets! A Canada that didn't matter in the world because the federal government was too busy running hospitals and schools and microphones! Don't you see how ridiculous that would be?"

Finally, the guards managed to haul the man out of the conference room. One of the premiers shrugged and held up a copy of the morning's *Post-Post* poll. "Poor deluded fellow," he said. "Of course Canada's government will never compete to run social programs. As you can see in this poll, health care is dead last in Canadians' priorities—even lower than proper education and daycare!"

"No, Canadians care about their armies and their embassies and their relief missions. Canadians care about pensions and Aboriginal policy. And by God, Canadians' priorities are *not* priorities. What do you want—single-car, American-style foreign policy?"

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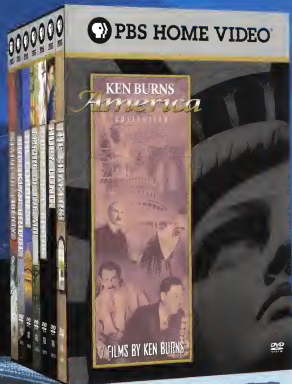


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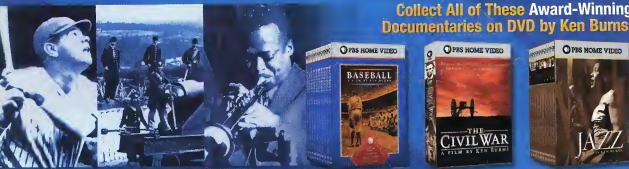
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